

**Shri Sankaran Singh:** What about the other part of my question—expert committee recommendation?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** All these questions are decided by experts and not by laymen

**Shri Tangamani:** The hon Minister has said that 12 diesel cars have been allotted to the Southern Railway out of the 24 purchased during 1955-56 May I know how many diesel cars are now run in the Southern Railway?

**Shri Shah Nawas Khan:** I shall require notice for that.

#### Deep-Sea Fishing

\*789. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Indian waters were recently surveyed for carrying on deep sea fishing activities,

(b) if so, whether there is any possibility of the existence of good deep-sea fishing areas in Indian waters, and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to promote deep-sea fishing in the Indian waters?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) and

(b) Yes

(c) It is proposed to establish additional off shore fishing units at Cochin, Tuticorin and Visakhapatnam. The Second Five Year Plan includes proposals for providing facilities for landing, storage and transport. Encouragement is given for establishment of Indian fishing companies.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether there is any proposal to extend the area of fishing operations beyond the six mile range off the coast?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Deep-sea fishing is only in the seas beyond the six mile territorial and off-shore waters. We have started from Saurashtra Coast and Kutch and we have come up to Bombay. The whole area has been surveyed now. Fishing grounds have been located, seasons

and currents have been determined. A map has been prepared and all details relating to this area are now available. Now, we are trying to explore the other areas starting from Cochin and we intend to go this way to the east coast.

**Shri Wodeyar:** May I know whether there was any survey made in the western coast and, if so, in what areas in Mysore State there is a possibility of the existence of good deep-sea fishing?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** An Expert by name Shri Ilugason went there and surveyed the areas near Mangalore. He has come to the conclusion that the Kanara coast starting from *Kozhikode up to Mangalore is very rich in prawns*, it is just a mine and we can get any amount of fish from there.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** In view of the fact that fishing boats belonging to other countries are operating in India's extra-territorial waters, may I know whether there has been any agreement between the neighbouring countries of Ceylon and Pakistan in regard to the protection of territorial waters and development of fisheries?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Our regulation is generally limited to six miles from the coast. Bengal six miles on the high seas according to the international law any nation can go and fish. In India it is six miles, whereas in other countries it is less than six miles. In fact, the Japanese fishermen are asking that the regulation up to six miles area should be reduced.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the hon Minister be pleased to enquire to what use the trawlers given by the Central Government to West Bengal for deep-sea fishing are being put to? This is particularly important in view of the very high price of fish prevailing in Calcutta market at present.

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Only yesterday I read in the papers that fish is being sold in Calcutta at Rs 3½/- or Rs 4/- a seer, especially the Hilsa fish very much liked by Bengalis. This season it is very highly priced.

because of floods and various other reasons. The TCM boat is being used by West Bengal Government and they use it to survey the head of Bay of Bengal.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know the amount of fish caught by these trawlers during the last two or three years?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I have got the figures showing the amount of fish caught by Central Government boats, I do not have the total amount of fish caught by the Bengal Government. I am prepared to give those figures to the hon. Member.

**Shri Achar:** Has the Government received any representation on behalf of the All India Fishermens' Conference held at Malpe in South Kanara?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I want to have notice to answer that question.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether in view of the possibilities of developing deep-sea fisheries Government have completed collecting all relevant data about the fishing grounds at Wadgebank and Pedrobank, and have they completed all investigations necessary for the commercial exploitation of these banks in the near future?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We have started from Cochin. We have sent our two big boats *Ashok* and *Partap* to Cochin. We are waiting for the monsoons to be over. As soon as the monsoon is over, because our boat cannot work during the monsoons, we intend to go to Wadgebank and survey the whole area with a view to collect all the necessary information.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know what data you are collecting?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We collect the data of fishing grounds. Fish is not found all over the area, it is found only in a particular area according to currents and cross-currents in the sea. Then there is what is called the migratory path, the path through which fish go—it won't go every way. Then we collect data on fishing seasons, fishing areas etc., that are required for particular types of grounds.

**Shri Tyagi:** Are you introducing "red fish" in Kerala waters?

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I ask one more question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order, Are we to convert this into a fishing school? Let us go to the next question.

झिम्मा नदी के ऊपर रुक

\*७६०. श्री झाबीबाला : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इंदौर और देवास के बीच आयरा-बम्बई राष्ट्रीय राजपथ पर झिम्मा नदी के ऊपर वर्तमान पुल को चौड़ा करने का काम कब से प्रारम्भ होगा?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : उचित ठेका मंजूर हो जाने पर यह कार्य शुरू कर दिया जायेगा। राज्य सरकार को एक योग्य ठेकेदार चुनने में कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ा है यहां तक कि तीसरी बार ठेका आमन्त्रित करना पड़ा है।

श्री झाबीबाला : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि एक समय में एक ही गाड़ी उस पुल पर से जा सकती है और इसलिए बड़ा आमदो-रफ्त में काफी दिक्कत हो रही है?

श्री राज बहादुर : बहुत दिन पूर्व ही इस दिक्कत को अनुभव हो गया था और इस पुल के सम्बन्ध में स्वीकृति दे दी गई थी, किन्तु इस समय कठिनाई किसी अच्छे ठेकेदार को काम सौंपने की है।

श्री झाबीबाला : यह काम कितने समय में हो जायगा?

श्री राज बहादुर : जैसे ही कोई अच्छा ठेकेदार मिल जायगा और का मंजूर हो जायगा, यह कार्य प्रारम्भ कर दिया जायगा।

श्री राज बहादुर : क्या ठेकेदार का यह ही था जायगा? क्या इस सम्बन्ध